

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	19355	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	November 8, 2012
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize ratification of a construction contract change order with CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., for emergency work necessary to protect the public health and safety on the William Cannon Bridge over Onion Creek Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$237,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,803,329.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	February 17, 2011 – Council approved construction contract with CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.97% MBE and 9.84% WBE subcontractor participation to date including this change order.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

The William Cannon Bridge over Onion Creek Phase II project, which started construction in April 2011, will add a new three lane structure with sidewalk and bike lane on East William Cannon Drive crossing Onion Creek. The contractor is Chasco Contracting and the initial contract amount was \$2,513,329.00.

In March 2012, when construction was approximately 90% complete, a newly built 15-foot storm drain inlet started to subside. The project team investigated the failure and determined that an emergency situation existed due to the sinking of the inlet which could lead to further pavement failures around the inlet. The inlet repair and related work needed be done as soon as possible in order to prevent undermining of the surrounding pavement and possible pavement failures that would impact public safety.

It was initially thought that the repair could be implemented within the approved Council authority. However, the repair cost is now estimated at \$237,000, which exceeds the approved Council authorization and administrative authority. Due to the emergency declaration, it was necessary to authorize the contractor to perform the repair prior to seeking Council approval of the additional authority. Therefore, under the provisions of Local Government Code 252.022 (2), an emergency change order was issued to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the public.

Austin Transportation Department has issued an emergency Purchase Affidavit to facilitate the expedited repair work. This project is located within zip code 78745 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

Chasco Constructors LTD., LLP is located in Round Rock, TX.